

REMARKS

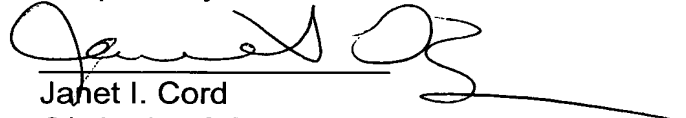
The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement requiring restriction to one of the following groups:

- Group I - Claim 1 drawn to a hydrogenation catalyst,
- Group II- Claims 2-8 drawn to a process for preparing a hydrogenation catalyst,
- Group III- Claims 2-8, 9, 10 and 11 drawn to a process for preparing 1,4-butenediol.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Nevertheless applicants elect Group I, claim 1 drawn to a hydrogenation catalyst. Applicants preserve all rights to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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